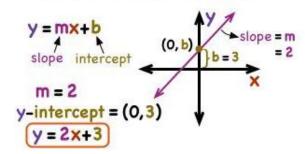
Writing Linear Equations in Slope Intercept Form

SLOPE-INTERCEPT FORM



To write a linear equation in slope intercept form, you just need a slope and a y intercept. Remember, slope is $\frac{change\ in\ y}{change\ in\ x}$ and y intercept is the starting value or what y is when x=0

$$y = mx + b$$

 \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow y -intercept

The slope and yintercept

Slope = $\frac{1}{3}$; y-intercept -5

Since the equation is in slope intercept form, you just plug in the slope and y intercept for m and b.

$$y = \frac{1}{3} x - 5$$

A GRaph



You need to find the slope and the y intercept. The y intercept is where the line crosses the y axis. This line crosses at -1. The slope is found by counting rise over run. The rise is 1 and the run is 2. Since the line goes up and to the left, it is negative.

$$y = -1/2 \times -1$$

A Point and Slope

(-1, 3) and Slope -3

Start with the equation y = mx+b. Plug in the slope for m and the point given for x and y. 3 = -3(-1)+b. Solve for b. Then plug in the m and the b and you have your equation.

$$y = -3x + 0$$
 or $y = -3x$

Two Points (-4,-7) and (8,-13)

This is similar to the one above. Before you do the steps listed above, you have to find the slope between the two points. I recommend putting them into a table.

After you find the slope, plug in the slope and one of the points (either one) and solve for b. Write your final equation with m and b.